

## Red Flag Company Badge, 1st Award, circa 1959-60 issue.

Early type in silver-plated and gilded brass and enamels; measures 37.5 mm tall x 31.5 mm wide; weighs 14.0 g without the screw plate. This version of the badge is almost for sure of Soviet manufacture.

In excellent condition, extremely uncommon for the early issue of this award. The enamel is perfect and shows beautiful luster, completely free of the usual chips, flaking or rubbing. The gold plating on the wreath is completely intact, and so is the silver plating in the center on the reverse of the badge. The copper screw post is full length, approx. 11 mm long (note that it's slightly off vertical axis as is often the case but completely sound). The unmarked screw plate appears to be original to the badge or at least of the period.

One of the requirements for this military award was total self-sufficiency in providing food for all of the company soldiers.

/D. Cabral, Orders and Medals of DPRK, fig. 48/

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